



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES

of

PATAPSCO & BACK RIVERS
RAILROAD COMPANY

Carmen

30 NMB No. 72

CASE NO. R-6959
(FILE NO. CR-6790)

CERTIFICATION

August 22, 2003

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) on June 10, 2003, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as "Carmen," employees of the Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were represented by the Transportation Communications International Union (TCU). On August 20, 2003, the TCU notified the NMB that the TCU (the incumbent) "relinquishes interest" in representing Carmen on this Carrier.

The Board assigned Investigator Eileen M. Hennessey to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a majority of eligible employees in the craft or class had signed authorization cards which authorize the USWA to represent them for the purposes of the RLA.

The investigation further disclosed that the Carrier did not object to representation of the craft or class by the USWA.

The following is the result of the check of validity as reported by Investigator Hennessey.

Number of Employees Signing Authorizations:

	<u>Valid Authorizations</u>	<u>Eligible Employees</u>
Carmen	12	13

The Board further finds that the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; that this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and that the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

CERTIFICATION

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board converts NMB File No. CR-6790 to NMB Case No. R-6959 and certifies that the USWA has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Carmen, employees of the Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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